

## General Roots and Prefixes

Root or Prefix	Meaning	Examples
a, an	not, without	atheist, anarchy, anonymous apathy, aphasia, anemia, atypical, anesthesia
ab	away, down, from, off	absent, abduction, aberrant, abstemious, abnormal, abstract, absorb
acro	high, tip, top	acrobat, acrophobia, acronym, acromegaly, acropolis
act	do, move	action, react, transaction, proactive, activity, activation, deactivate
ad	to, toward	admit, addition, advertisement, adherent, admonish, address, adhesive, adept, adjust
alt	high	altitude, altimeter, alto, contralto, altocumulus, exalt
ambul	to walk	ambulatory, amble, ambulance, somnambulist, perambulate, preamble
anima	soul, life	animation, inanimate, animal, anime, equanimity, animism, animus
ante	before	anteroom, antebellum, antedate antecedent, antediluvian
anti, ant	against, opposite	antisocial, antiseptic, antithesis, antibody, antichrist, antinomies, antifreeze, antipathy, antigen, antibiotic, antidote, antifungal, antidepressant
arm	weapon	army, armament, disarm, rearm, armistice, armor, armory, arms
audi	to hear	audience, auditory, audible, auditorium, audiovisual, audition, audiobook
auto	self	automobile, automatic, autograph, autonomous, autoimmune, autopilot, autobiography

be	thoroughly	bedecked, besmirch, besprinkled, begrudge, begrime, belie, bemoan
bell	war	belligerent, antebellum, bellicose, rebel
bene	good, well	benefactor, beneficial, benevolent, benediction, beneficiary, benefit
bi	two	bicycle, bifocals, biceps, billion, binary, bivalve, bimonthly, bigamy, bimetal, biathlete, bicarbonate
bio	life, living	biology, biography, biodiversity, bioavailability, bioflavonoid, biofuel, biohazard, biomass, biorhythm
cede, ceed, cess	to go, to yield	succeed, proceed, precede, recede, secession, exceed, succession, excess
chron	time	chronology, chronic, chronicle, chronometer, anachronism
cide, cis	to kill, to cut	fratricide, suicide, incision, excision, circumcision, precise, concise, precision, homicide, genocide, regicide
circum	around	circumnavigate, circumflex, circumstance, circumcision, circumference, circumorbital, circumlocution, circumvent, circumscribe, circulatory
clud, clus claus	to close	include, exclude, clause, claustrophobia, enclose, exclusive, reclusive, conclude, preclude
con, com	with, together	convene, compress, contemporary, converge, compact, confluence, concatenate, conjoin, combine, convert, compatible, consequence, contract
contra, counter	against, opposite	contradict, counteract, contravene, contrary, counterspy, contrapuntal, contraband, contraception, contrast, controversy, counterfeit, counterclaim, counterargument, counterclaim, counterpoint, counterrevolution

cred	to believe	credo, credible, credence, credit, credential, credulity, incredulous, creed, incredible
commun	to share	commune, community, communism, communicable, communication, commonality, incommunicado
cycl	circle, wheel	bicycle, cyclical, cycle, encyclical, motorcycle, tricycle, cyclone